



WASHINGTON FIRE COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

MAJOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Supported and passed legislation to **increase the bid limit thresholds for equipment purchases and public works.** (2019)

Introduced and passed legislation with Washington Fire Chiefs providing for **permanent reimbursement of all risk mobilization.** (2019)

Proposed and passed legislation providing authority for fire districts to **access the third fifty cents without the mandate to have a full time employee.** (2017)

Supported a \$10.3 million increase in DNR wildfire **funding for equipment and training fire district red card firefighters.** (2016)

Introduced and passed firefighter training reform legislation providing **improved access and training to firefighters on a local level.** (2015)

Passed legislation that provides **authority for fire districts to deny a potential merger petition** in order to protect levy rates and levels of service. (2014)

Proposed and passed legislation to **increase on-duty death benefits** to family members of volunteer firefighters killed in the line of duty from \$150,000 to \$216,000. (2013)

Proposed and passed legislation to **increase child/dependent benefits** of volunteer firefighters killed in line of duty from \$150 to \$500 per month. (2013)

Instrumental in passing legislation to **exempt fire districts from biofuel mandates** with passage of resolution by local board of commissioners. (2013)

Introduced and passed legislation providing for a **simple majority vote for renewal of EMS levies.** (2012)

Volunteer firefighter license plates authorized. (2011)

Impact fee authority for fire districts planning under Growth Management Act. (2010)

Instrumental in negotiating **annexation reform** for agreements between cities and fire districts. (2010)

Introduced and passed the **volunteer "retire and rehire"** legislation. (2010)

Introduced and passed **multi-year lid lift authority** for fire districts. (2009)

Protected firefighter pensions from adverse merger and double disability protection for volunteer EMTs and firefighters. (2009)

Passed legislation authorizing fire districts to use a **small works roster** in place of sealed bid process. (2009)

Protected and excepted fire district levy rates from tax increment financing proposals. (2009)